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1. ON HEARING DEPARTMENT'S ARGUMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL, FONOFF OFFICIAL (ASIA REGIONAL POLICY DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR MIYAMOTO) SAID HE WILL SEE THAT OUR VIEWS GET INTO "PROPER CHANNEL." HE ADDED THAT "OTHER MINISTRIES" WITHIN JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAVE NOT ACCEPTED FOREIGN MINISTRY'S STABEX PROPOSAL, WHICH NOW IS AT STANDSTILL. HE DESCRIBED AS FALSE AN ASAHI EVENING NEWS REPORT OF JULY 15 WHICH ASSERTED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERN-

MENT HAD REACHED AGREEMENT TO STUDY A STABEX ARRANGEMENT FOR ASEAN "IN A FORWARD-LOOKING MANNER."

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH E/MIN, MOFA DEPUTY MINISTER YOSHINO WAS OBVIOUSLY SEARCHING FOR SOME WAY FOR JAPAN TO SEEM RESPONSIVE TO ASEAN DEMANDS FOR A STABEX SYSTEM. HE IS WELL AWARE OF U.S. GLOBAL CONCERNS BUT WOULD LIKE TO CARVE OUT SOME MODEST AREA TO DEMONSTRATE JAPAN'S DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO ASEAN COUNTRIES. HE STRESSED THAT IN ADDITION TO U.S. OBJECTION, A LOME-TYPE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO OTHER GOJ MINISTRIES. IDEALLY HE HOPED TO IDENTIFY A FEW COMMODITIES THAT ARE LARGELY LIMITED TO SEA AND WHICH COULD BE ABSORBED BY ANY GLOBAL SYSTEM THAT MAY MATERIALIZE IN THE FUTURE. FOR THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, HE IS AT A LOSS AS TO WHICH PRODUCTS COULD QUALIFY, EXCEPT POSSIBLY LOGS FROM INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES. MANSFIELD

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